

Eucharistic Congress Bell

On this Sunday, at 2pm Bishop Freeman will officially receive the Congress Bell from Bishop Lee and the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore on Rice Bridge. For ten days the Bell will travel the length and breathe of our Diocese calling us to pray, to reflect and to become aware of the forthcoming International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin next June and the value of God's most precious gift of the Eucharist. **The Bell will be in our parish next Saturday at 6pm for 6:30pm mass.** For more information please log onto www.iec2012.ie.

Knights of St. Columbanus

The Knights of Columbanus festive dinner for Senior Citizens takes place on Sunday January 8th at 1.00pm at the Irish Wheelchair Association Callan Road. The Knights look forward to meeting you there.

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration and prayer will take place in the Friary Church this Sunday from 3pm-4pm. All Welcome.

Youth Mass

To celebrate the arrival of the International Eucharistic Congress Bell in the Diocese of Ossory, Bishop Freeman will celebrate a Youth Mass St. Fiacre's Church. Loughboy, at 8.00 p.m. on Friday. Young people from across the diocese are invited and encouraged to respond to the call of the bell to celebrate their heritage and their faith.

Education programme for Diabetes

X-PERT-free education programme for people with Type 2 Diabetes. This six week, two and half hour per week group programme is facilitated by a HSE Dietician to support people with Type 2 Diabetes. It will be held in the HSE headquarters, Dublin Rd, on Friday mornings, from 10am to 12.30pm. It will commence on Friday 17th February ending on Friday 23rd March. Places are limited. Please Contact: Frances Leahy, Health Promotion Office, Dean Street, Phone (7761400).

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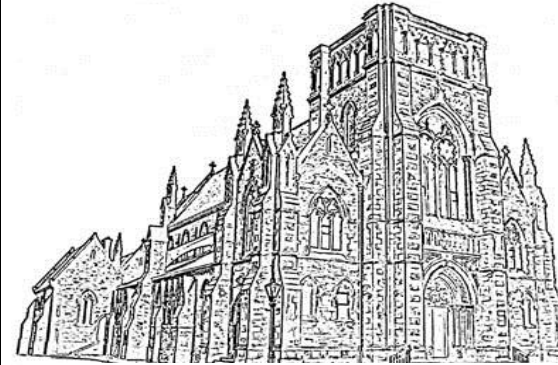
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Baptism of the Lord 8th January 2012

Three Weeks To Parish Social

Tickets, at €5 each, are now available for our Annual Parish Social which takes place in **Langton House Hotel on Sunday 29th January at 8.30 p.m.** In former years, complimentary tickets were distributed to those involved in any parish activity. However, this practice has become very unwieldy and difficult to manage for a number of reasons, not least, because the majority of tickets given out and accepted are actually never used! This makes it almost impossible to plan the event re. costing, catering, seating, etc. This year the Parish Pastoral Council has agreed on a fair and reasonable solution to this issue in these economic times. Everyone is now asked to purchase a ticket beforehand for a nominal amount, €5. This is a 50% reduction for those who have had to buy tickets up to now, and it will help all others make a definite decision beforehand, thus giving us a fair idea of numbers attending. Due to the snow last winter we had to transfer from December to January – a change that was very popular and was met with great approval. That's the reason we said we'd try it in January again this year – when all the Christmas rush is over. **The Parish Social is always a very enjoyable event and we look forward to you joining us to enjoy another great night out in three weeks time.**

Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

Deaths: Timmy Hickey, Perth, late of 17 Newpark
Martin Butler, Chicago, late of Ballyfoyle
Michael Kennedy Waterford Road (funeral in St Fiacre's
Sunday at 12 noon)

Month's Mind: Mary Coyne (Sun 7.30pm)

Anniversaries: Ned & Eddie Byrne (Sat 6.30pm); Catherine & Thomas Lyons (10.00am Johnswell); Ann Barry (11.00am Dunmore); Michael O' Grady; Ann Kavanagh; Noel Dowling; Ann Smyth; John Lanigan; Bernard O' Gorman; Seamus Parsons; Michael & Annastatia Burke;

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8.00am	Sean O' Grady
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly & Bernie Dermody
12.00 noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell	Linda Shore
Dunmore 11.00am	Fiona McGearry & Nora Guilfoyle

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 2, 17, 21, 28. Bonus No. 27. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next week's prize fund €20,000

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 6

"They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood Call Fr. Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran's College Kilkenny. www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

St. John's Homes for the Elderly

St. John's Homes for the Elderly Committee monthly meeting will take place on Monday at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

Parish Novena

The Parish Novena will take place from Friday February 3rd (**Feast of St. Blaise**) to Saturday February 11th . Once again, it will be conducted by a Redemptorist team.

Eucharistic Adoration

As we begin a New Year we sometimes make New Year's Resolutions too. At the moment the numbers of volunteers for Eucharistic Adoration is falling – mainly due to health, age, various commitments, etc. So, this year we appeal for new "Adorers" for St John's Church to commit to a rota and do ONE HOUR per week of Adoration. Times for Adoration are from Tuesday to Friday, 8.00am to 10.00pm. In this special year of the Eucharistic Congress it would be a great testament to the parish and our faith to be able and willing to spend one hour in formal adoration and prayer before the Blessed Eucharist.

Church Unity Week

To mark the beginning of Church Unity Week 2012, St Canice's Cathedral Choir will visit Johnswell Church for Mass next Sunday at 10am. The Choir will perform Haydn's Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo (Little Organ Mass). Johnswell Church Choir will also join with the Cathedral Choir to sing a number of well known Hymns during the Mass.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

The January Collection for The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend at all Masses. Thank you for your support.

St John Elderly Elderly Committee

The St. John's Elderly Committee invites you to consider attending or if you know someone who may consider attending their day care center which is situated on the grounds of St. John's. It runs on Monday's and Tuesday's each week from 9.30am – 3.30pm. For further information please contact: (0868758798) or (0863944224).

Christmas Offerings

Thank you to all who have returned your Christmas Offerings. If you have forgotten to do so, you can return your offering to the church or the presbytery at any time.